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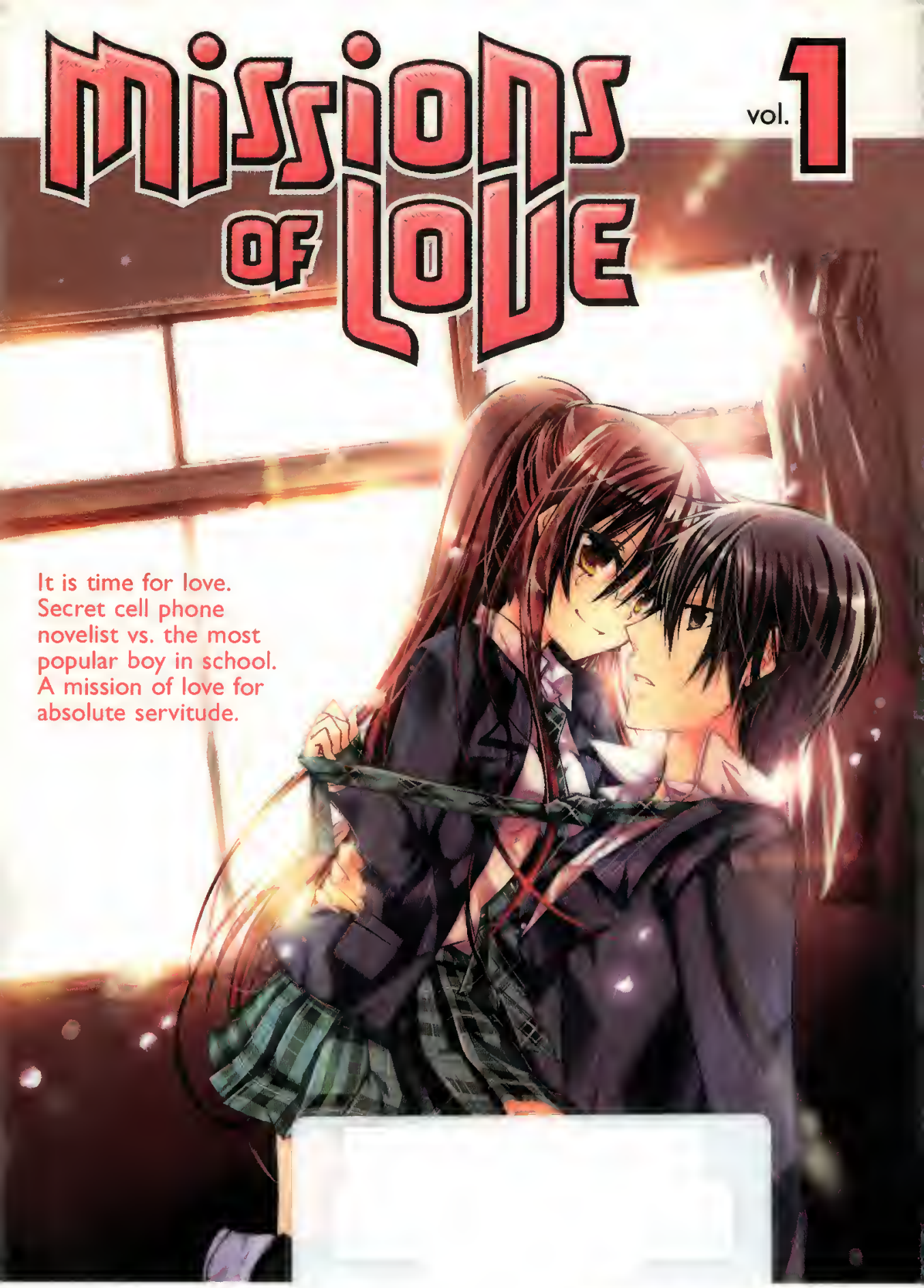

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bump
Hey! Students are not to walk down the center of the hall!!
You! Girl! Your skirt should be ten centimeters* below knee!!
*About four inches
You!! Watch where you're go-
ZOOM...

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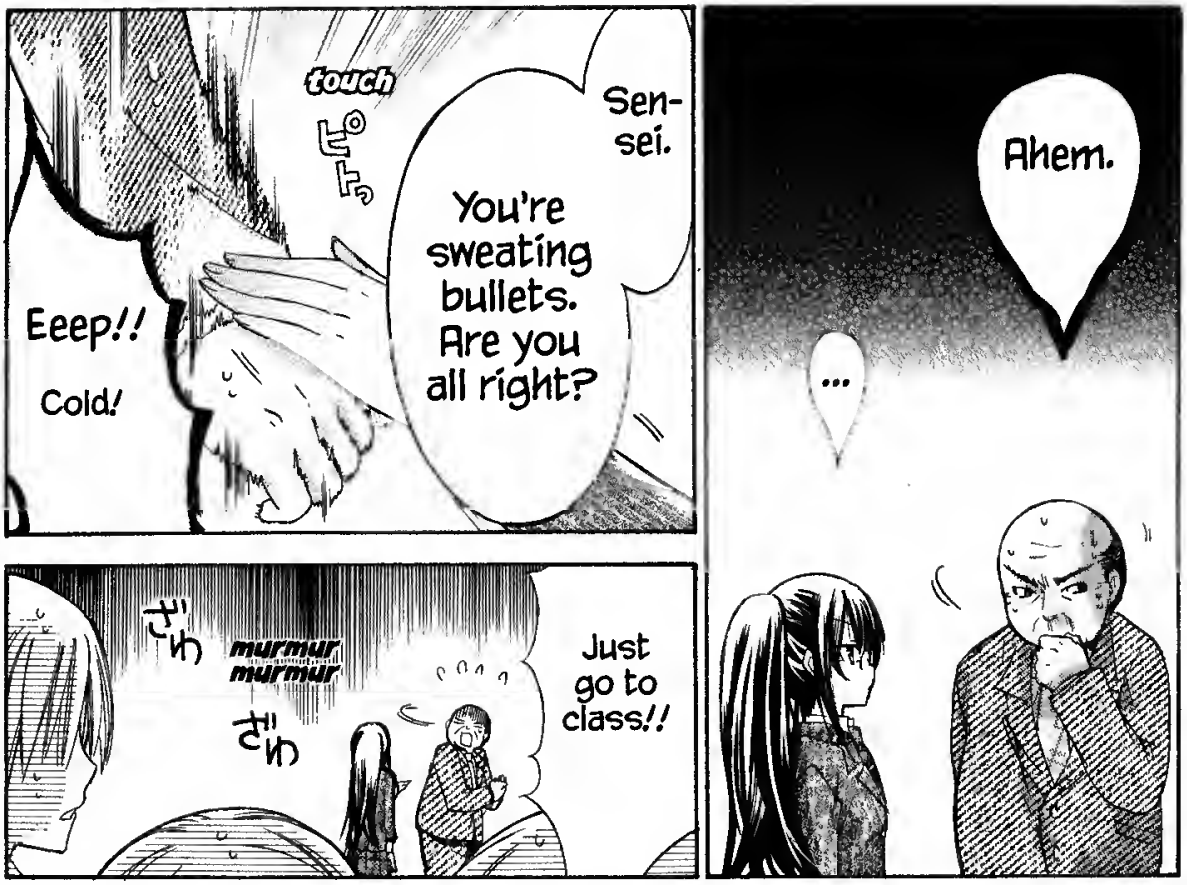
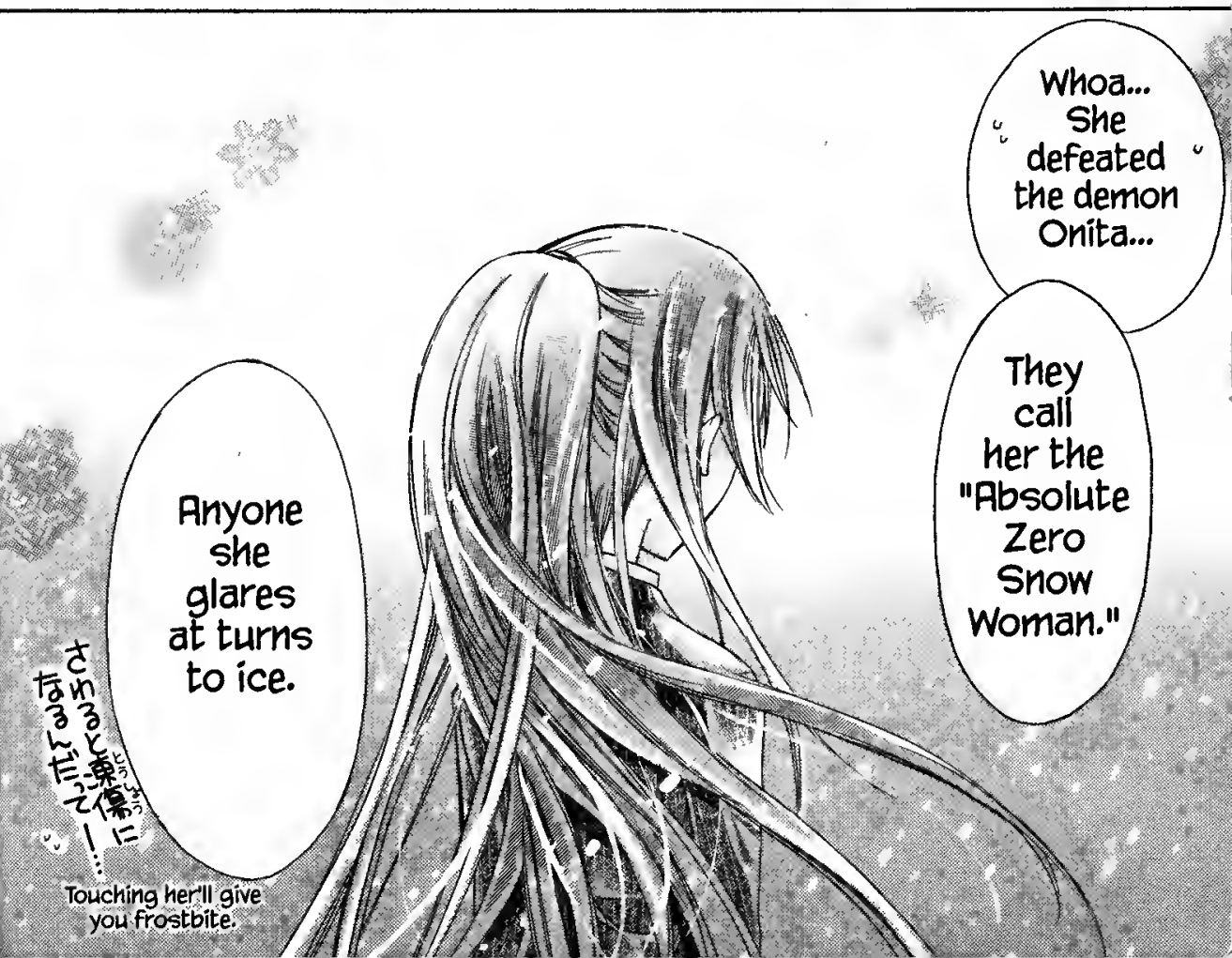
How *dare* you look at a teacher like that!!
Y-you!
stare じっ
glare
Staaare じいいいい
STAARE じいいい


touch
ピトッ
Sen-sei.
You're sweating bullets. Are you all right?
Eeep!!
Cold!
Ahem.
...
ざわ
murmur murmur
ざわ
Just go to class!!


Whoa... She defeated the demon Onita...
They call her the "Absolute Zero Snow Woman."
Anyone she glares at turns to ice.
さわると凍傷になるんだって！…
Touching her'll give you frostbite.

GLARE!
They always...
...run away from me.
.....
Hee-eelp!
No!! I'm not ready to die!!

But I want to watch them longer!!
キーン
glint
Sigh... It never fails...
Why does she always stare at people like that...?
Maybe she's looking for someone to make into one of her kind...
ヒソヒソ
whisper whisper
Maybe he was up all night trying to beat an unexpectedly hard boss in a video game.
じー
staaare
Am I... going to die...?
Kosugi-kun... His eyes are bloodshot.
じー
stare
They're so short... She must have been trying to look like her favorite model, but I think those bangs are a little too short.
Ah!! Aizawa-san cut her bangs.
Did I do something!?

STAAAARE
Li Li
Li Li Li
People-watching is always so much fun!
Did you get to watch a lot of people today?
Yeah, but they always run away because of my scary eyes.
SCRUFF
もぐ。。
...Akira.
Yukina-chaaaan!
Ah...
Gya-aaa-aa!
ぎゃー
Let's walk home to-gether!
もぐもぐ
munch munch

Still, I have found some interesting subject matter...
Hey!
Did you read the new Yupina?
I did, I did. ♡
The one that went out yesterday, right?
Stop
ピタッ…
It was sooooo good, as always. ♡
Squee
キャッ
I'm really rooting for the main girl!!
I heard this one's going to be printed!
And the Count is so cool, too. ♡
I love this part. ♡
Squee
キャッ
Yupina totally writes the best cell phone novels. ♡
Yupina's Novel
Latest News
Cell Phone Novel Works

They really like that novel...
.....
Good for you!
You even got first place in the popularity ratings.
I, Yukina Himuro...
...secretly write cell phone novels.
SITE
LAND
FAVORITE CELL PHONE AUTHOR RANKINGS
1. Yupina
2.
Yupina-chan!

All I did was write down my observations and fantasies.
And somehow, I've become amazingly popular.
Super Popular Cell Phone Novel
The Demon's Reflection
First time in print!
Yupina
Yupina
Yupina
Yupina
Yupina
Now accepting pre-orders!
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Now accepting pre-orders!
Who knows?
Do you think Yupina is a man or a woman?
ZOYAMA BOOKS
Because of my piercing gaze and extremely poor circulation that makes my skin cold to the touch,
everyone but my cousin Akira has pretty much avoided me since I was very small.
munch munch
Waaaah!
So I've come to enjoy observing people from afar, and fantasizing about their lives.
stare
Now accepting pre-orders
I can't wait for the next chapter!

whisper
whisper
STAAARE
She's... staring harder than usual today.
Shh! Don't make eye contact!!
...I... I think...
Who will be my next model? ♪
Sit down! I'm taking roll!
BAM
Uematsu!! Pass out the hand-outs!
I did it last time!
Uematsu-kun would be pretty interesting...
Komiya-san has a nice flavor to her, too...
Serves you right!
Nakamura-kun and Ichijo-san, too...
They all have enough personality to make good main characters...
Mm-hm...
Hm? Kitami?
Is Kitami here?
memo memo
Hey!! Is anyone listening to me!? Hey!
I'm sorry, sir!!

Shigure Kitami...
Present!
Kit-ami!!
What took you? A committee meeting?
beam
grin

Yes... It went a little long...
Shigure's been at school all morning!
He's such a hard worker!
えらいよね～
Always the same demeanor.
And he always handles everything with a smile. ♡
Nice job!
ｼﾞｬﾏﾅ
Always the same smile.
Shigure is so...
...wonderful. ♡
smile
The guy is so...
...boring.

He's the one person I'll never be able to base a story on.
hmph
Break Time
And you know... Yupina's novel...
.....
It's so good, every time.
.....
They don't realize I base my stories on them, do they...
But you know, I wish she'd write a little more... you know.
gulp

I know!!
I totally wanna see how Yupina handles... you know!!
b-dmp
ドキドキ
b-dmp
ドキドキ
Yeah, yeah! I want Yupina to write one of those! You know!!
A love story!
I want something that makes my heart skip a beat!
Every time the characters even get close to romance, they never get past being friends.
L...

Love!!
もぐもぐもぐもぐ
nom nom nom nom
Eeehh? I don't think you should have to force yourself to write anything you don't want to.
It's just those girls talking.
Cod Mayo
もぐもぐもぐもぐ
munch munch munch munch
But... do you think you can write a love story?
I didn't think my own class-mates felt that way...
It had already been bother-ing me...
...Actually, I get a lot of emails from people hoping for a love story.
Eh...?
ええ…
Eh?
I get the feeling I'll never be able to write a love story as long as I live.
No...
: patter

What do you mean?
I can't imagine it.
...I can write about friendship and following dreams
because I can watch the people around me, and imagine what it's like.
But...
But love is the one thing I have to experience for myself.
I'll never... experience love.

===Subject===
Dear Yupina-sensei!
===Message===
I've...been through a lot, and I can't bring myself to leave my room... but your stories give me the courage to live another day. Thank you!
.....
...Um, hey...
Yukina-chan.
I think you should just do what you want to do.
What I...
...want to do?
That's how you've always done things, isn't it?
ピリリリ...
Brring

You're right.
snap
See?
I want... to keep making readers like this one happy...
And in that case... I'll do whatever I can!
RESOLVE
I'll write a love story!
Yupina-style!

And I will overcome this barrier!!

Yukina-chan!
ゆきなちゃん！

I like you, Shigure!
Oh!?
Is that... Aizawa-san?
One time, I was really depress-ed...
...and you told me to cheer up... and you... held my hand...
Ever since then... my heart skips a beat whenever I see you.
He held her hand...
...and now her heart skips a beat?
So...
I'm sorry.

I've... never thought about you... that way.
.....
Do you think... we can just be friends?
Oh...
.....
Thanks for listening... Bye...
Step 7
.....

smile
ニコッ
Student Notebook
生徒手帳
Himuro-san.
Do you recognize me? I'm in your class.
Shigure Kitami.
Ah.
I'm glad you remember me. I've been wanting to talk to you.

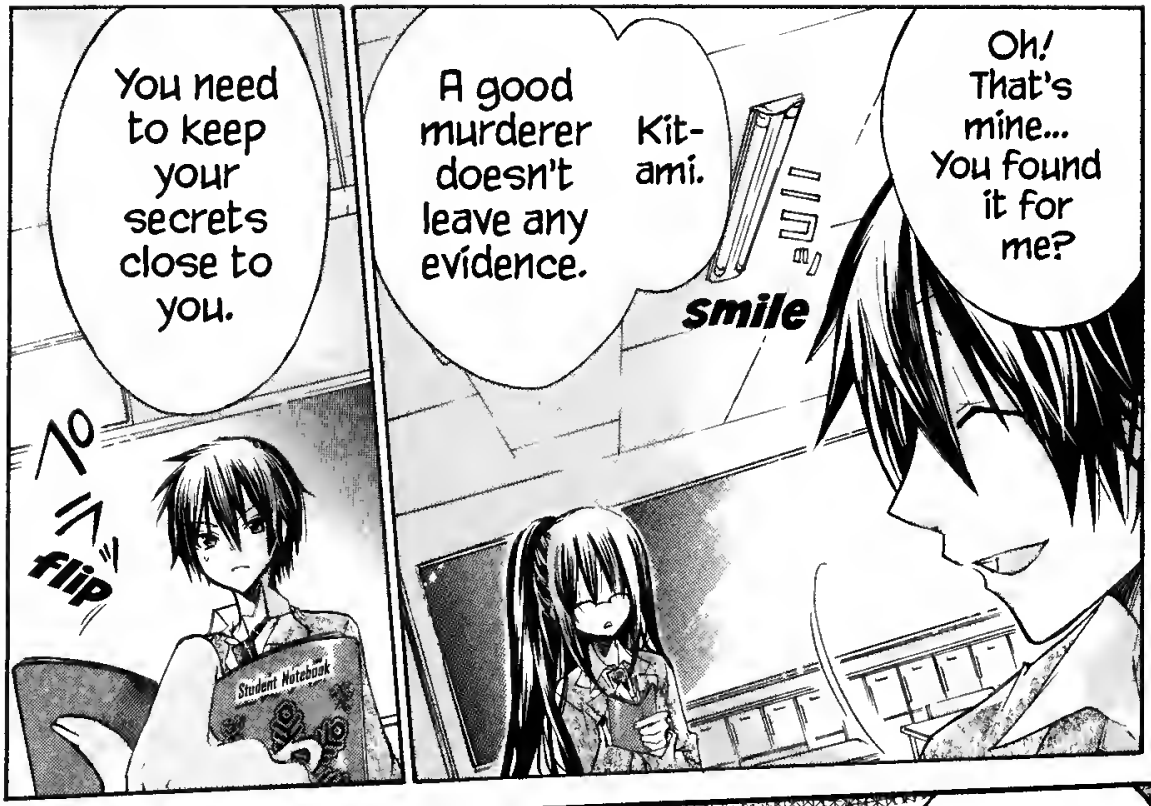
I just don't know what they see in me.
I agree.
...Er, I guess you saw that.
Aw, man.
Oh, not at all, not at all.
...Well aren't you the ladies' man?
Your face... It's always the same.
Eh...?
Kitami!

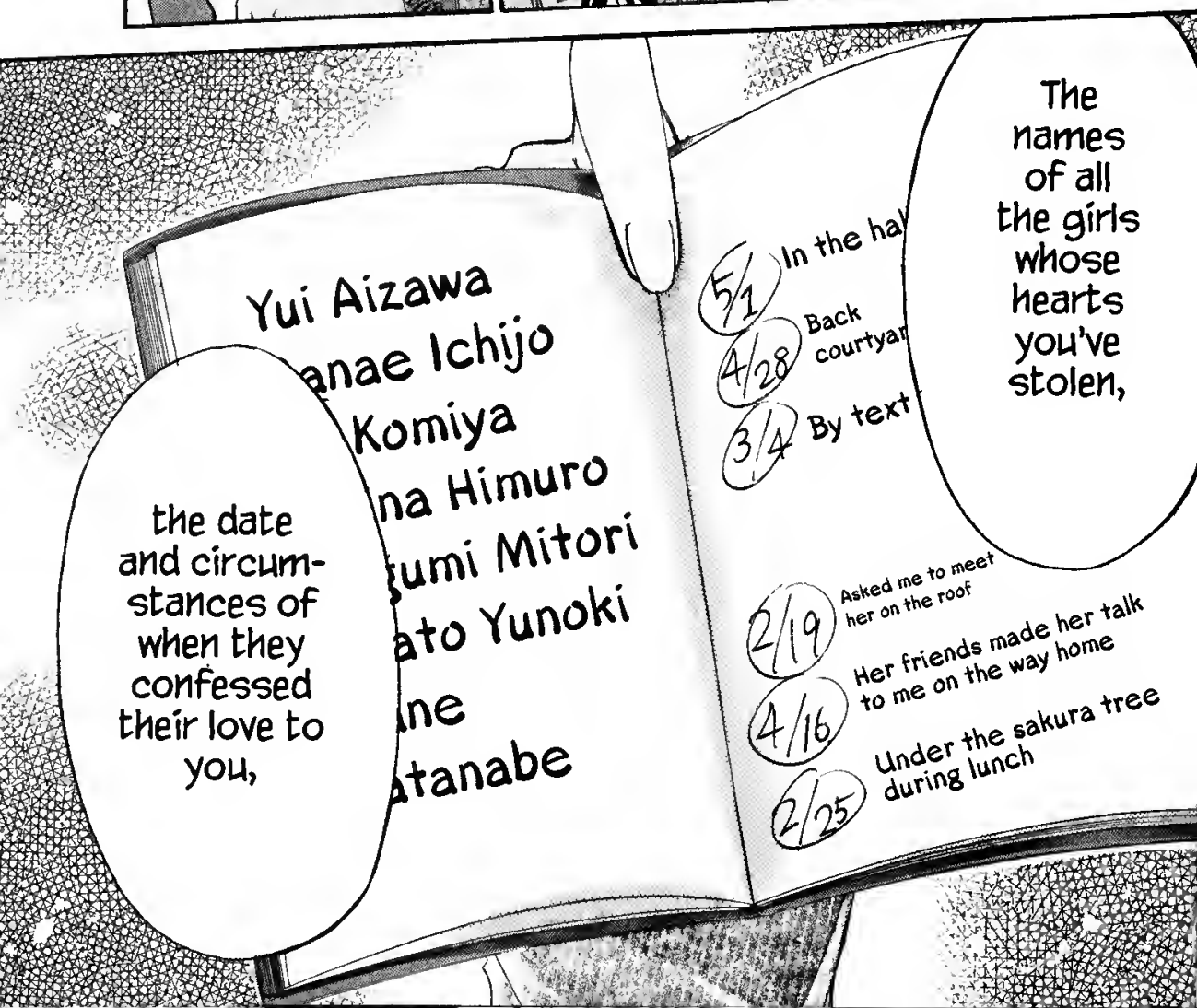
Sorry, but you're not busy right now, are you?
Oh! No, I'm coming!
...Hmm?
smile
Her heart skips a beat because he held her hand...
I guess acting like you're in love can sometimes make it real..
...I should be able to get a taste of what "love" is.
If I can experience some romantic situations...
In that case...
Hm?
I'd feel bad making Akira do it...
...who would help me with that?
But...

Some-one's student note-book...?
flip
...? These are the names of all the girls in our class...
↓ Yui Aizawa
↓ Sanae Ichijo
↓ Eri Komiya
Yukina Himuro
↓ Tsugumi Mitori
↓ Misato Yunoki
↓ Akane Watanabe
What do these check marks mean?
...I'm the only one... who doesn't have one...
flip
This is...!

The Birth of Missions of Love
My editor.
I want to do a story like this.
Missions Pitch
FSH
...It's not really a "Naka-yoshi" story, is it?
But let's do it.
Oh, good.
And that's how it all began.
I can use this...!!
キーン コーン...
ding dong
rustle
Argh!
Where did it go!?
rustle
Are you looking for...
huff huff
If I don't find it, I'll...!
gasp

...a gold student note-book...
...or a silver student note-book?
BAM
Himuro...
...san...


You need to keep your secrets close to you.
flip
Student Notebook
A good murderer doesn't leave any evidence.
Kit-ami.
smile
Oh! That's mine... You found it for me?


The names of all the girls whose hearts you've stolen,
the date and circum-stances of when they confessed their love to you,
Yui Aizawa
anae Ichijo
Komiya
na Himuro
gumi Mitori
ato Yunoki
ne
Atanabe
5/1 In the ha
4/28 Back courtyar
3/4 By text
2/19 Asked me to meet her on the roof
4/16 Her friends made her talk to me on the way home
2/25 Under the sakura tree during lunch

And it looks like I was the only one left.
You're quite the player.
Why?
Kaede Tachib
Yoshiko Yama
and the number of girls left.
Last one
Yukina Himuro
They're the ones who fall in love and confess to me. All I did was be a little nice.
It's not my fault.

Well, it *was* a fun way to pass the time.
But man.
You were all I needed to complete the set.
So close.
...So why the act?
You...
Huh...?
No reason.

Life's just easier that way, that's all.
Be nice to the girls, and they love me.
Agree with the guys, and they like me, too.
As long as I'm a good little boy, the adults all trust me.
Just read people's moods and respond appropriately.
That's the easiest way to be.

!!
Ya!
lunge
Patter
Student Notebook
R
stomp
Heh heh heh...
Too bad.
Sorry you had to learn the truth about Mr. Popular.
...No.

I've decided. You're the one.
BAM
Last one
Student Notebook

:
What the--!?
Your notebook is full of secrets...
I copied every page, just in case.
And I have spares hidden in other locations.
I doubt your "easy life" will go on much longer after everyone finds out about them.
Notebook
You...
What do you want...?

...Huh?
Wh-what in the...
slump
You have a thing for me?
I only want the experience.

I want you...
...to fall in love with me.

Fall in love with me.
Hold my hand.
Hold me in your arms.
Kiss me.
Con-fess true for me!!
your love
!?
Wh... wha-aa!?
Why should I have to--
You are not in a position to negotiate.
!
Now ...
Let's start with the hands.
ss

Ha! You're a piece of work.
.....
So what? You don't care what the guy's like as long as he's got a pretty face, is that it?
No.
Your face has nothing to do with it.
More than any-thing...

...making you do this won't hurt my conscience.
touch
!

Cold!! What the-- your hand is-- You really are a snow woman!!
chill
ひんやり
Shut up. I have poor circu-lation.
Never mind that. We were just getting to the good part. Go on.
Wha-!?
...Don't stop at the finger-tips.
ts...
Go on...

To the middle...
gulp...ゴク
Hold my whole hand...

Your personality is so cold, and yet your hand is so warm.
CHUCKLE
Blush
"The warmth... from his hand... spread slowly across mine..."
.....
Hey! That's long enough!
Pah
パッ
No.
clasp

Hah...
"My palm... My fingers...
Hmm...
"Burn with your prickling heat..."

We hold hands until they're both the same temperature.

And thus began... the game of love between two people...
...who felt nothing for each other!

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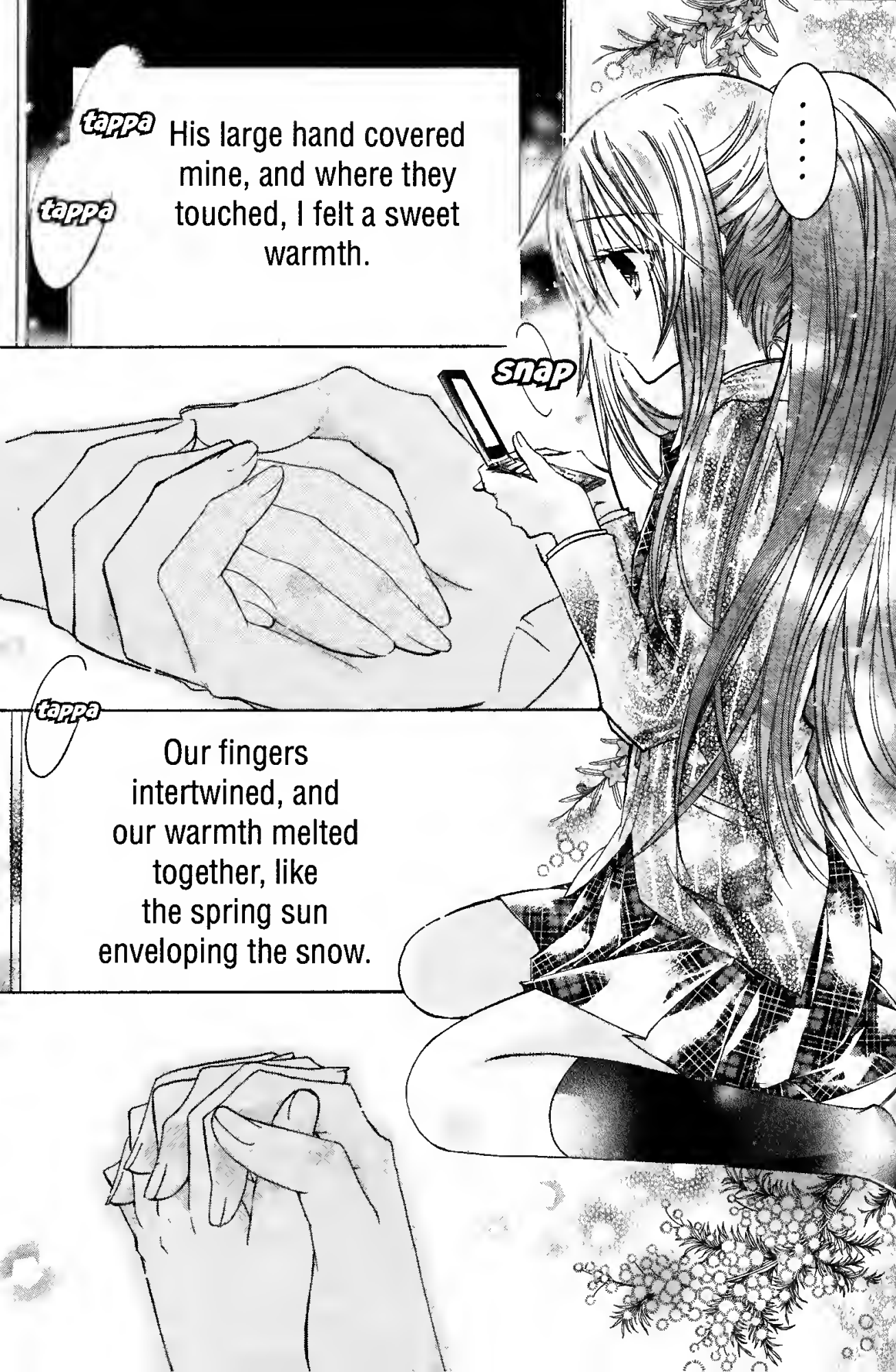
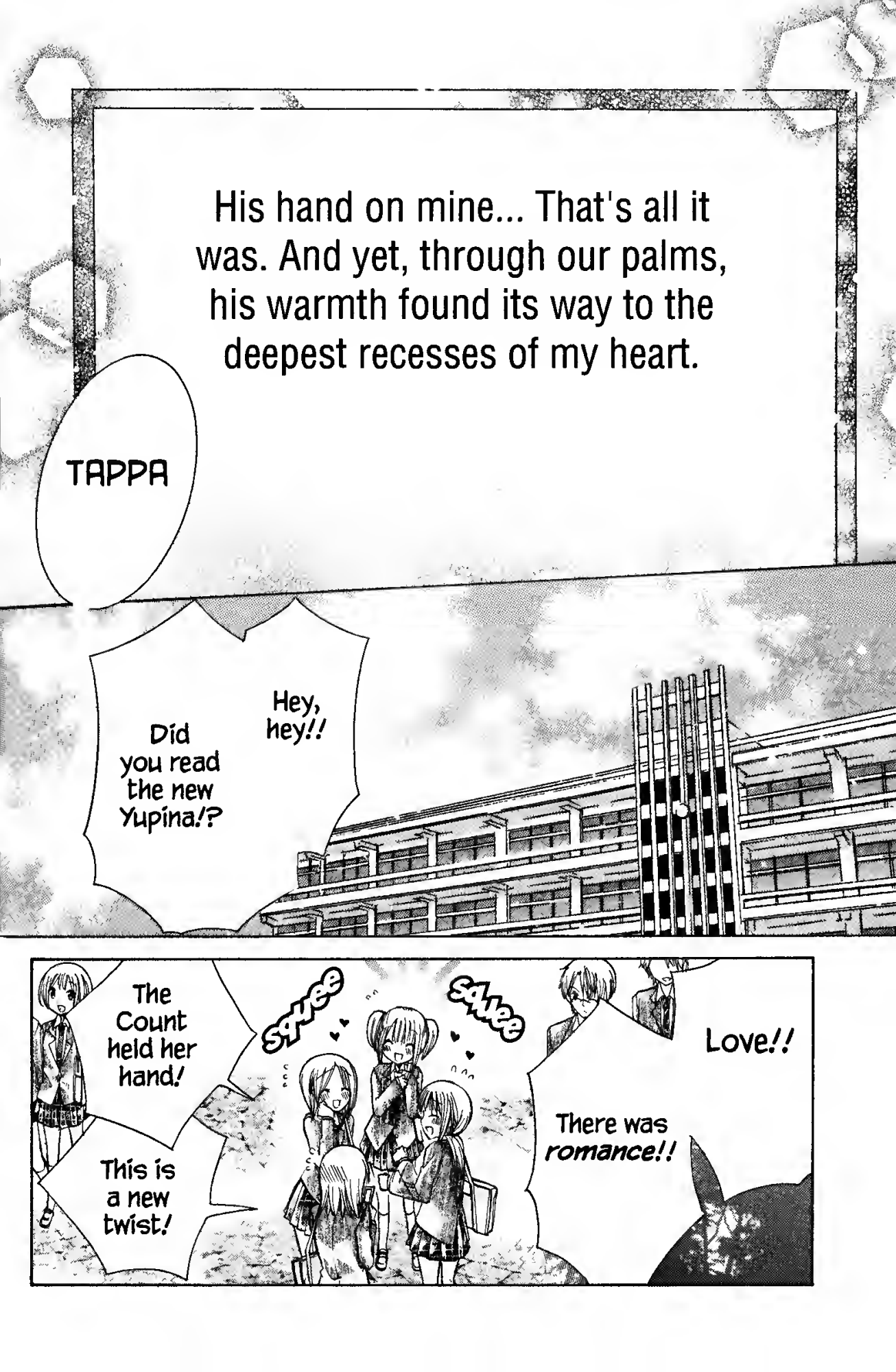
3-C
ばいばーい
Bye-bye!

thmp
thmp
キーンコーン
ding dong
gasp

That's enough, okay!!?
Snatch
I'm going home!
You'll regret this tomorrow!!
.....
SLAM!

My hands are usually cold as ice.
It's really as warm as his now.
Kitami's hand...
...was so big...
.....
It's warm...


tappa
His large hand covered mine, and where they touched, I felt a sweet warmth.
tappa
snap
tappa
Our fingers intertwined, and our warmth melted together, like the spring sun enveloping the snow.


His hand on mine... That's all it was. And yet, through our palms, his warmth found its way to the deepest recesses of my heart.
TAPPA
Hey, hey!!
Did you read the new Yupina!?
The Count held her hand!
This is a new twist!
squee
squee
Love!!
There was romance!!

My heart was pounding more over this chapter than any of the others!
munch munch munch
It's a big hit, Yukina-chan!
Yes.
Ah ha ha!
It was really hard to write about love.
But it was worth it.

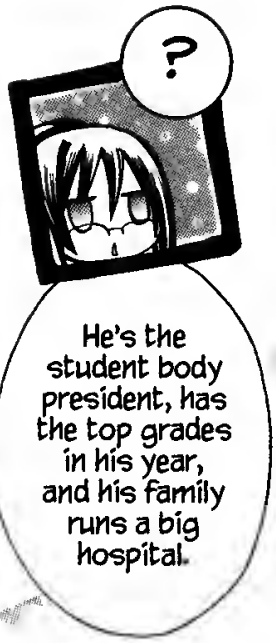
Shi-gure!
Oh... Well, I...
But how did you do it? Writing love stories all of a sudden..
Good morning!
Good morning, Shigure!

Good morning, Kitami-kun.
Thank you for your help yester-day.
...Good morning, Himuro-san.
smile
I'm never going to let you do that, ever again.
psh
?

Did you?
Did I just see some sparks in the air between you two?
Scary!
Coming.
Shi-gure, let's go!
...He's famous. The whole school knows about him.
RIP
squeeze

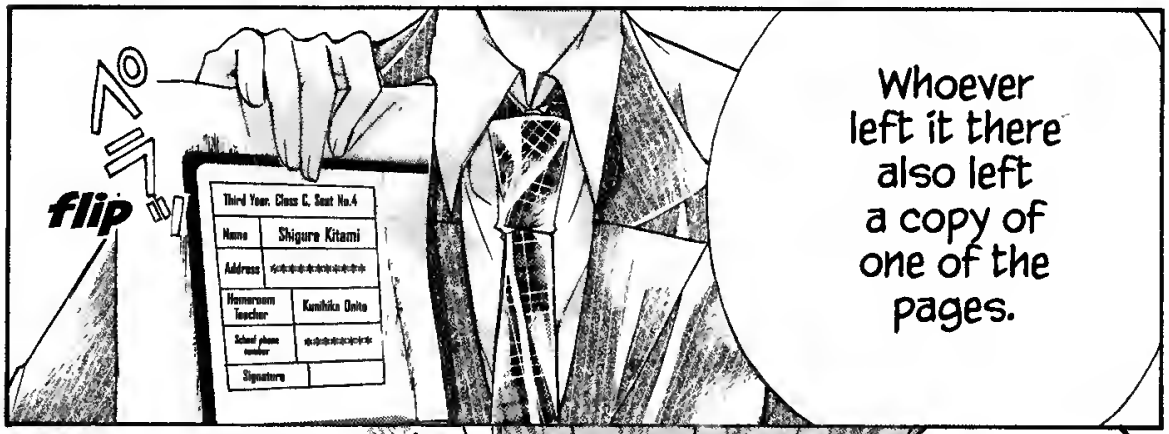
Mini Character

Special Feature:
It melts fast


?
He's the student body president, has the top grades in his year, and his family runs a big hospital.
I hear...
...even the teachers will do whatever he wants.

ニヤリ
smirk
Fascinating... I'll get a lot of use out of him.
3-C
What!? You were robbed!?

Kitami... Someone took your student notebook?
Eeehh!?
Yes, sir...
I thought I dropped it, but when I got to school this morning, it was on my desk.


flip
Third Year, Class C, Seat No.4
Name
Shigure Kitami
Address
Homeroom Teacher
Kunihiko Onto
Signature
Whoever left it there also left a copy of one of the pages.

But I think they copied more than just this one page.
Emmm!
GYAA
They made a copy of your student notebook...? It's a stalker!
murmur murmur

So I bet the culprit still has the copies with them.
What!? Does anyone here have those copies!?
Eeehh!? They won't get away with it!

This is bad...
I still have my copies.
All right!! We're checking everybody's things, one at a time!!
So.....
glance
Me, neither.
I don't have any!
I don't, either!
You're trying to make me look like a thief. Is that your game, Kitami!?
What about Himuro-san?

glare
Eeek!
If... if you don't have any copies, that's fine...
No.
clatter
I have a copy.

Eh...?
.....
What!?
I found a copy on my desk, too.
Heh heh.
So I'll read what's written on it.
But I don't know if this belongs to Kitami-kun.

"Easily manipulated with flattery."
"Home-room Teacher Onita."
What is that!!?
Loves to get compliments on his designer suits.
Wha...?
Wha...
Never mention his bald head or his single status.
It's the notebook copy I found on my desk.
Unfor-givable!! Whose is it!?
I'll have them expelled!!
Whose indeed?

Hey! There's no way that that's from Shigure's notebook!
Ah ha ha ha!
That's hilarious!
I wonder whose it is! Right?
Yeah.
Grr...
Student Council Room
Why can't I control her?
Everyone else does exactly what I want them to...
It's because you underestimate people.

That is your weakness.
...Thanks for the advice.
But next time--
Okay, maybe I *was* under-estimating you a little.
Before that.

It's time to play "romance."
Wha--!? Again!!?
Kitami.
When someone loses at a game, they have to do what the winner says. That's how it works.

Mission number two.
I order you to hold me in your arms.
No.

I don't know what you're after.
But what's the point of doing this-
-when we both hate each other?
It just makes you uncomfortable! Right?
Not really ...

I don't think...
I was... uncomfort-able...

Huh?
What?
So you do like m--
I don't like you, and it doesn't make my heart skip a beat.
blunt
バッサリ
....
....
...But it wasn't...
...uncomfortable.
SIGH...
スッ
SS

WINCE
Wah!?
What are you doing!!?
If you're not uncom-fortable...
...then all I can do is get it over with, right!!?
HISSS

twitch
uh...
R-
right...
Wha?
Just...
Just
slow
down.
I
would
like
you...
...to
go as
slowly
as you
can...

Sheesh... What's your problem, anyway?
Ugh, you're so demanding!
Fine, I'll go slow!
NOD NOD
soft...
...Well...

twitch
I've...
...held hands before...
but I've...
...never had anyone...

...hold
me...
before...
tug

ぎゅ…
squeeze
トクン…
thmp
トクン
thmp
...Kitami...
そ…
soft...

Hands warm up together...
Do heartbeats speed up together, too?

"The beating of two hearts... joined..."
thmp
"I want... to know more..."
"...into one."
thmp

Mission number three...
I order you to kiss me.

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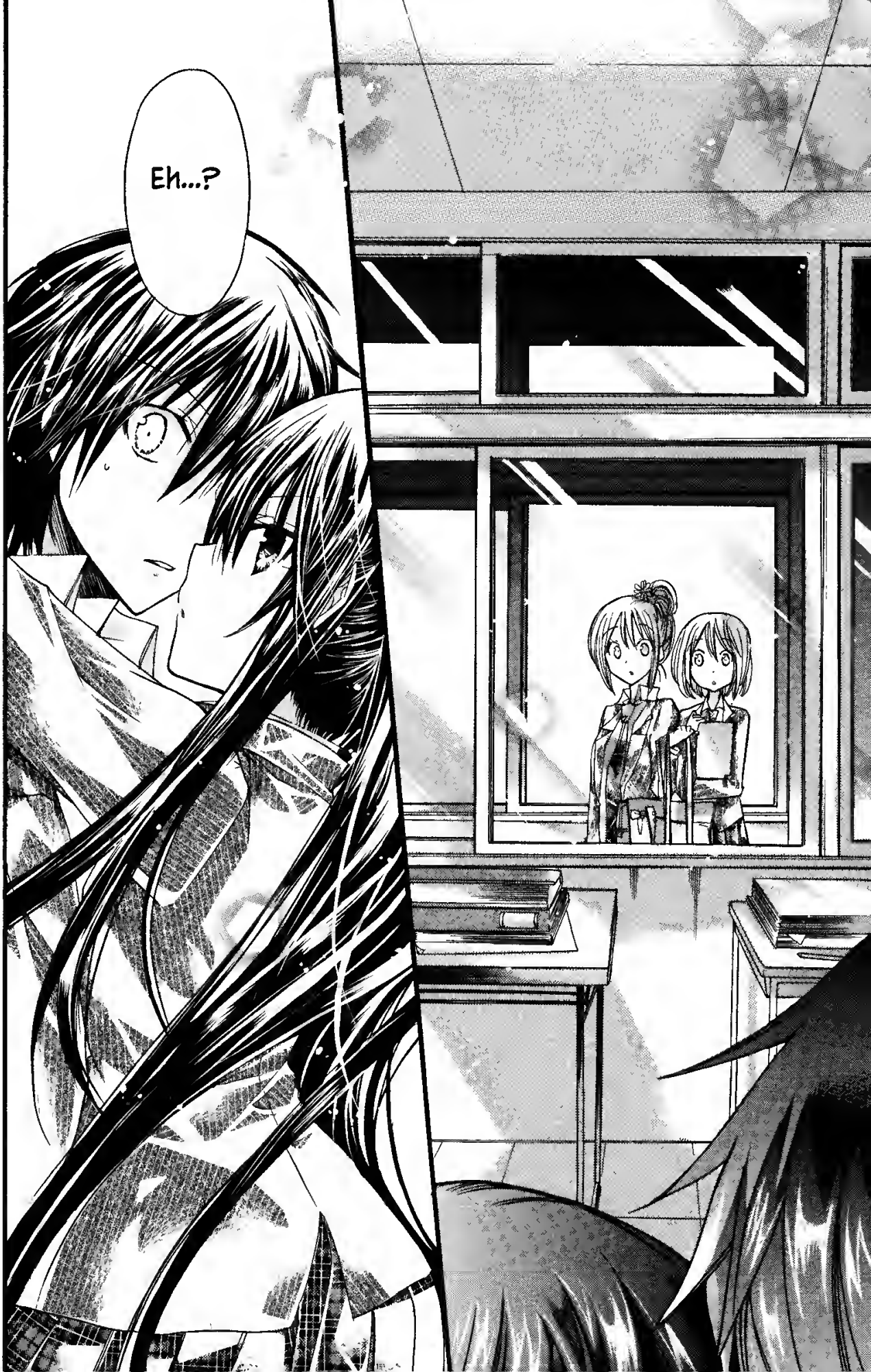
I order you...
...to kiss me.

ドクン
thmp
ドクン
thmp
Wha-
-!?
Are you
serious?
ドクン
thmp

Of course I am.
Now do it.
CLATTER


Eh...?

Tch.
stomp stomp stomp
Ky-kyaa-aaaa!?
shove
I'll spare you today.
But next time, there will be no getting out of it.

バタン
slam
Dammit!
I have to do some-thing!
I have to make her stop!
Shigure!! What was that...? Did something happen!!?

...Act-ually...
. . . . .
smirk
Yukina-chaaaan!
I'm so glad I found you!
Where were you?
Just doing some research for my novel.
Hrrm.
...I was so close to having everything I needed...

If... we had kissed...
I held hands, and was held in a man's arms...
A world I never knew before is spread-ing out before me.
What kind of world would I have seen then?
I'm home!
Himura

Yukina-chan!
Welcome back!
Mrowr.
Hello.
Father, Mother.
Hello!
Mrowr
Oohh! ☆ You're supposed to call us "Papa" and "Mama," Yukina-chan!
We're glad to have you, Akira-chan! ♡
Papa made dinner tonight! ♡
Stay for dinner, Akira.
Eh?
If you go home, you'll only be alone all night, right?
Y... yeah... Okay.

Here Papa, say "ah"
LOVE
LOVE
Mmmm
Your cooking really is the best in the world
But you, Papa, are the best in the universe
Your parents sure do love each other, Yukina-chan.
It's suffocating.
I know!! Why don't you ask them about love?
"Huh?
Well, they're obviously experts!!
shomp shomp

Pronunciation
Wata-X
Abbreviation Candidates
Wata-Sai
X-Shina
(Batsu-Shina)
In Japan, this series' title is Watashi ni XX Shinasai!, or X-Shina! for short.
Hmmm.
Watashi ni XX Shina-sai!
Silent
That's way too compli-cated!!
Appar-ently, in the full title, the XX is silent.
In the author's head, at least.
Incidentally, apparently a certain mother pronounces the XX as bleep-bleep.
Erotic, I know.
Hm. That's...
How "adult"!!
Father. Mother.
I see!
Pfffft!
What does a kiss feel like?
Cough!
Wha...?
blush
drain
Wha...

Yukina-chan... What do you mean, "kiss"...?
Oh, nothing.
Shudder Shudder
She's never asked about anything like this before!
Our Yukina-chan wants to k-k-k-kiss!
PAPA!!
What do we do!?
HEEE...
It looks like I really won't learn anything unless I try it on Kitami tomorrow...
.....
A kiss is absolutely essential for a love story!!

...Mm?
Oh...I just can't find my slippers.
Eh?
What's wrong, Yukina-chan?
whisper whisper
Some girls say they saw it, but...
Do you think it's true?
Uwah!
It's the Snow Woman!
I don't know. I'm going to go check my classroom.
They're gone?
tep

But the Snow Woman? Trying to force Kitami to kiss her?
You serious!? The Snow Woman has a thing for Kitami?
Creepy
Stupid
Drop dead
. . . .
This is...
My text-books... and my PE clothes are gone...
WHISPER WHISPER

Can we talk to you?
Himuro-san.
ヒソヒソ
whisper whisper
Trying to force a boy! That's evil.
I don't care how much she likes him...
I feel so bad for Shigure...
What do you think you're doing, trying to kiss Shigure!?
You think you can take advantage of him, just 'cause he's such a nice guy!?

Heh heh...
That should get her to leave me alone.
Women are weak against attacks from their own gender.
Work hard for me,
my female minions.
smirk
Hey!
BAM
Are you listening!?
Staaare
いいい…

Wh...what are you doing!? I'm not afraid of--
Shimada-san.
You're breaking out. Did you get annoyed at something and eat too much chocolate again?
ヒクッ
wince
Eh...?
.....

Sato-san.
flinch
ヒッ
I've noticed that you're padding your chest a little more every day to enhance your figure.
え
COVER
Miki-san. You never wash your little finger. Is that some kind of good-luck love charm?
"I want Kitami-kun to fall madly in love with me." ♡
Is that it?
Eh?
!
blush
Eh... What is this ...?
How does she know ...?
I see everything, and I know everything.
ニヤリ
smirk
And I do mean... everything.

Would you like me to divulge even deeper secrets?
!!
Hey... That's not fair!
I... I give up!
No!! I'm too scared!
It... It didn't even faze her!
Doesn't she have *any* weak-nesses!?

Yukina-chaaan!
So, hey. I've been hearing this weird rumor...
Oh! And I found your slippers and books in the trash can.
Mm. So now all I'm missing is my PE uniform.
Thank you.
Were some girls picking a fight with you?
Are you okay?
Yes, but it's fine. I'm used to it.
...In fact, I almost envy them-- being able to go that far for a boy they like.

...How-ever...
Things could get really bad if I don't get my PE clothes back...
?
I have something in them that I would definitely hate to have people see...
Hmm...

Ha ha ha!
PE Storeroom
rustle
rummage
To think it would be so easy!
If I can just find her weakness...
...she'll be mine!
...But...
flip
...what was she talking about...?
click

Kitami-kun ransacking girls' PE clothes.
Caught in the act.
...huh...?
Oh, I'm so glad to have my PE clothes back.
And I got a great shot of you.
You--you tricked me!

BAM
You've made me angry, Kitami.
Of course I did.
But I cannot tolerate anyone using a girl's love as his plaything!
You can try to find my weakness if you want.

...Ha. Look who's talking.
You're the last person I'd expect to know anything about love or romance.
...You're right. I don't know anything.
That's why I'm trying to find out.

We were...
...in the middle of a kiss.

I order you to kiss me.
Kitami.

Fine. I just have to do it, right?
.....
TMP

You're so close...
You expect me to do it from far away?

"All I could hear...
...was the quiet sound of his breathing and mine..."
"And yet, I could sense him...
...slowly drawing near me."
...Ugh, close your eyes.

"Then his lips...
...touched..."

MWAH
pah
hush...

Anyway! Your glasses got in the way!
What!! It's still a kiss!
Don't mess with me, boy!! Kiss me on the lips!! The lips!!
tug
WHAM
I said they're in the way!!
Waaah! Waaah! You idiot! Stop that!

No...!
Don't touch them!!
Without my glasses, I--
Eh?

SNATCH
Y...
Your weak-ness...

Is your glasses...?

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...is your glasses?
Your weakness...

smirk
Oh, what's this?
"Without my glasses I" what?
Do your eyes get all ε(´△`)ε
bounce bounce
Stop it...
Go away!
Come on, just let me see you.♪
!

No... Stop it!
Oh come on!
Ah!
BAM

ビクッ
wince
Nn?
Staare
じぃ～!...
I'm scared...
.....

Eh...?
I... I'm afraid..
...of people looking at me...
.....

Pfft!
The... the high and mighty snow woman...
Who'da thought you'd have such a stupid weak-ness!?
Wh... What a dork!
Ah ha ha ha!
.....
...But hey.
It's still a weak-ness.

PE Storeroom
clench
Next time you come to blackmail me,
I'll take your glasses.
Remember that.

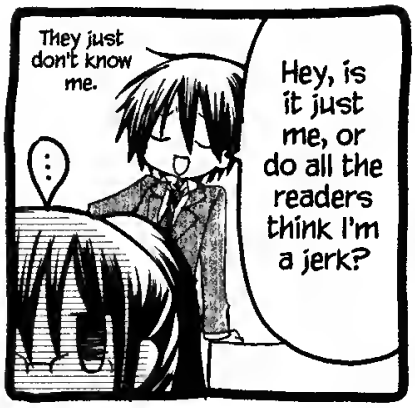
Of all the people to find out...
Good morning, Shigure!
Morning!
きゃあ
きゃあ
Sqeee Sqeee
I heard you're giving a speech at the assembly this morning?
Good luck!
Ew... It's the Snow Woman...
You'd better stay away from her, Shigure.

TEP TEP
てくてく
Sh..
Shi-
gure!?
Himuro-
san!
ピクッ
twitch
Good
morning!
ニコ
smile
Uh...
hi...
Oh!
Himuro-
san!

You've got something on your glasses there.
!!
D...
Don't touch me!!
BAH
DASH
Heh heh heh...
Yukina-chan!?

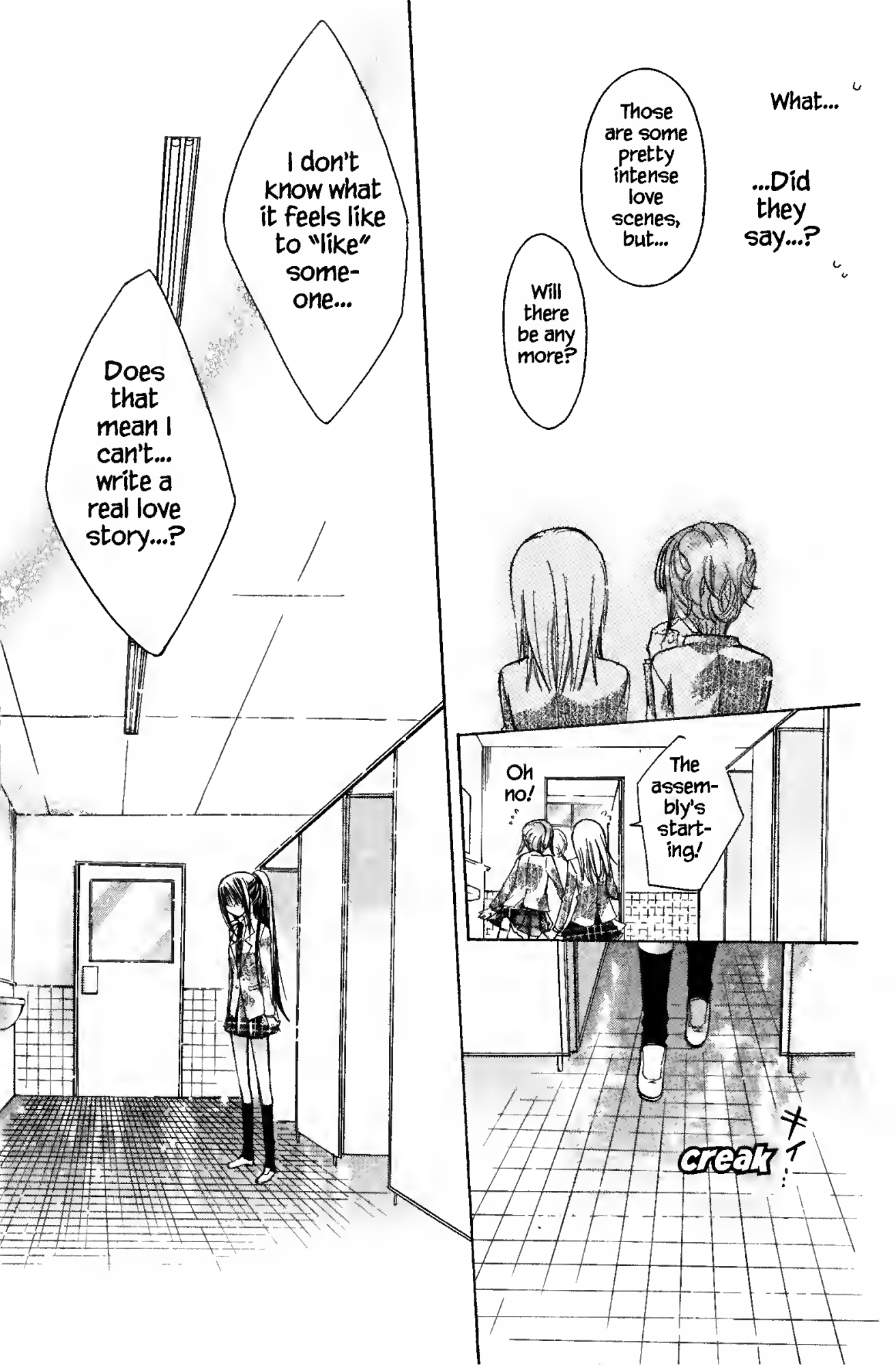
But if I lost my glasses in front of all those people, it would be over for me.
huff huff
Damn that Kitami... Lording this over me...
Girls Restroom
I can't...
Let people look directly at me...
huff
!!
"She really should...
...do something about those eyes."
.....
... No...

Shigure-kun



I need to blackmail him, so I can write my love story!

When the Count suddenly pulled Lilia close to him--my heart skipped a beat.♡
They're supposed to be enemies! What's going to happen?
はふぅ
ooohh
♡
いいい…
staaare
Hmm. So they do like the love elements.
...But...
I don't really get the feeling that they "like" each other, you know?
!?


I don't know what it feels like to "like" someone...
Does that mean I can't... write a real love story...?
Those are some pretty intense love scenes, but...
Will there be any more?
What...
...Did they say...?
Oh no!
The assembly's starting!
creak
キィ…

Yukina-chan.
The assembly's starting. Are you feeling okay?
Yes... I'm fine...
Yukina-chan...
squeeze
It's okay. You don't have to force yourself.

But everyone loves Yupina's stories, even without romance.
Okay?
You've been acting kind of strange since you started writing love stories.
Eh...?
Yes... You're right...
And I can't write about real romance...
I can't blackmail him...
And finally, we'll hear a report from your student body president.
Rikka Private
My love game... is over...

I'm your student body president, Kitami.
The student council has...
I'll probably... never talk to Kitami again...

This hazy feeling...
Cold!! Your hand is... You really are a snow woman!!
If you're not uncomfortable, then all I can do is get it over with!!
きゅ
clench
In my chest...
What!! It's still a kiss!

Whew.
Man, it's late.
CAW CAW
What is it...?
...Yes.
You still want to play your little love game?
...What?

Heh.
How did you get like that, anyway?
But you know you're completely helpless without your glasses.
Well.
If you can't let anyone look you in the face, you'll never be in a romantic relationship.

I...
I've always protected myself...
...behind the lenses of my glasses.
Ever since the day...
I started being afraid of being looked at...
Waaah!

...I was just looking at them...
No, it's mine!
It's mine!
She keeps glaring at us!
WAAAH
Sensei!
Yukina-chan's scaring me!
They're making me want to cry.
POM
Yukina-chan!
Want to play with Sensei?

I won't cry.
stare
じっ…
...You won't cry...?
なで
PAT
So you can look at me as long as you want.
I like... Sensei...

Sensei... I brought you flowers...
Have you seen the eyes on Yukina-chan in the Peach Class?
She makes all the other kids cry. It's just awful.
I know. I've never dealt with a kid like her before.
But she really should...
...do something about those eyes.
I worry about her future.
Yukina-chan?
What's wrong?
Oh? Yukina-chan?

Does it hurt somewhere?
What's wrong, Yukina-chan!?
What's the matter?
Yukina-chan?
murmur
murmur
murmur
murmur

Here.
Your glasses are ready, Yukina-chan.
The doctor says that when you have bad eyesight, then your eyes start to look mean.
I'm scared...
...Ever since then, I've been afraid of people looking at me.

How do you like them?
It's like...
...I'm watching TV.
TV?
Just like watching TV.
Good morning, Yukina-chan!
The people around me are just characters in a show.
And they'll never see the real me.

I'm not... scared anymore...
I've always been an observer.
...My whole life.
clak
...But.

If I stay an observer, I'll never know what life really is!!
Wait--! You--!
BAM

I...
I want...
to
know...
What
this
feeling
is...
This
feeling
I don't
under-
stand...

And I want to know the real you.
The one that's not filtered through my glasses.

tremble
ふるる…
Mission... number four...
I want you... to teach me... what real love is...

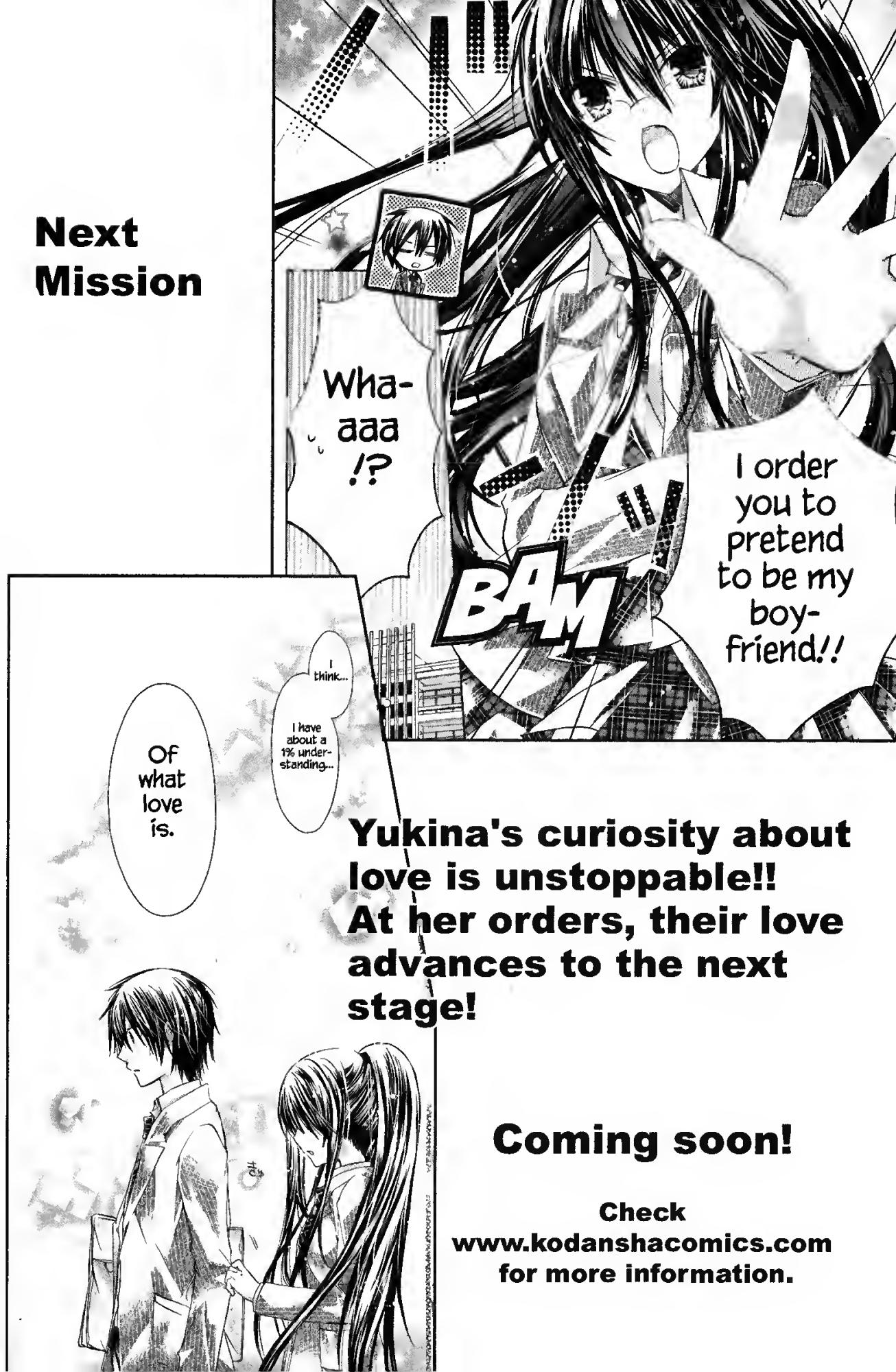
Yukina-chan...

Hello. I'm Ema Toyama. Thank you so much for reading Missions of Love! Yukina is a blend of all my favorite things--glasses, almond eyes, black hair--so she's so fun to draw I can hardly contain myself!! Although at first, I was pretty nervous, because she's not the kind of main character you tend to find in Nakayoshi.... But I was so relieved when you all reacted with more enthusiasm than I could have imagined.♡☺ Thank you so much!

When I'm coming up with story ideas, Yukina just does things on her own (you could say she's out of control) and makes things very easy. ♪ I think she's going to run wild even more in volume two, so please read the next volume. Also, I want the Snow Yukina to show up somewhere, but...it'll probably be in the side-bar again. ᵕᴗᵕ

See you next time.◎

Next Mission



Yukina's curiosity about love is unstoppable!! At her orders, their love advances to the next stage!

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But Shigure won't go down without a fight!

After falling into Shigure's trap, Yukina is rescued by Akira!

Shigure or Akira--which one will teach Yukina about true love!?

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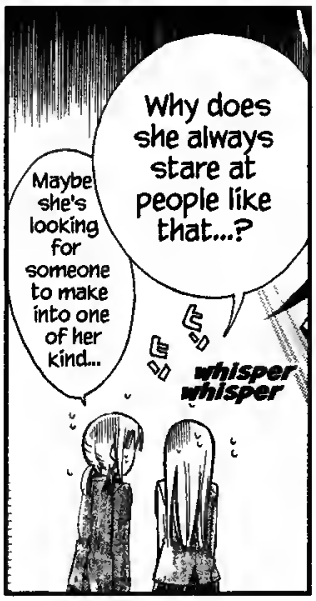
Toyama: I've always dreamed of having a main character with glasses, so I'm very happy that I was able to draw one for this story. I hope that whether you wear glasses or not, your heart will skip a beat as you read about Yukina's adventures!

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

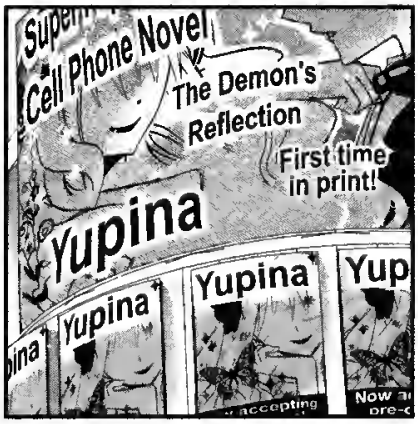
Snow Woman, page 10

The term “snow woman” may sound like a cute girlfriend for Frosty, but in Japanese folklore, a snow woman (*yuki-onna*) is much more sinister. The *yuki-onna* appears in snowy places; she is very beautiful, but her eyes strike terror into the hearts of men. She is also known for ruthlessly killing people with her coldness.



Cell phone novels, page 12

As the name suggests, a cell phone novel is a novel published via cell phone text message. Because of the character limitations of text messaging, each chapter is very short. However, because of the Japanese writing system, a writer can fit a lot more information into one Japanese text message than she can in an English one. Still, that doesn't make the chapters much longer, and the excerpts of Yupina's novel that you see in this manga are probably entire chapters.



The Demon's Reflection, page 14

The title of Yupina's cell phone novel is a play on words. Akuma de Reflection means "[it is] a demon and a reflection," but Akumade Reflection means "nothing more than a reflection." This is a subtle reference to the fact that all of Yupina's novels are Yukina's reflections in novel form, but Yukina also takes advantage of the double meaning to apply both to the story in the novels.

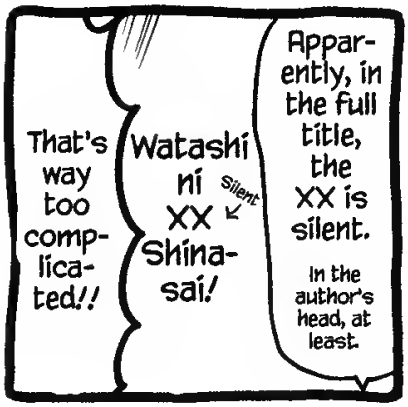
A gold notebook or a silver notebook, page 32

This is a reference to one of Aesop's Fables, "The Golden Axe," also known as "The Honest Woodcutter." A woodcutter drops his axe in a river, and cries at the loss of his only means of earning a living. The Greek god Hermes appears and brings a golden axe out of the river, asking the woodcutter if that was what he lost. When the woodcutter says it was not, Hermes brings a silver axe out of the river. The woodcutter still refuses it, and only accepts when Hermes brings his own axe. Impressed by his honesty, Hermes awards the woodcutter with all three axes. Common retellings in Japan replace Hermes with a goddess or nymph.

Snow Yukina, page 65

Snow Yukina is actually a little bit redundant, because the yuki in Yukina means "snow." The Japanese name of the character is Yukina Daruma, which is a play on yuki daruma, or snowman. Incidentally, many of the names in this series have something to do with the weather, mainly snow and ice. Yukina Himuro has both ice (Himuro = ice house) and snow (Yukina = snow flower), the school is Rikka Junior High (Rikka = snowflake), and Arare Daycare shares its name with hail (although it was probably named for the Japanese treat that was named for its resemblance to hail). Shigure, on the other hand, is named for the rain (Shigure = rain in late autumn or early winter). Akira's name means "crystal," which might go with snow, but the Chinese character for his name is made up of three suns and can mean "bright" or "radiant," so it may be a reference to sunny weather.

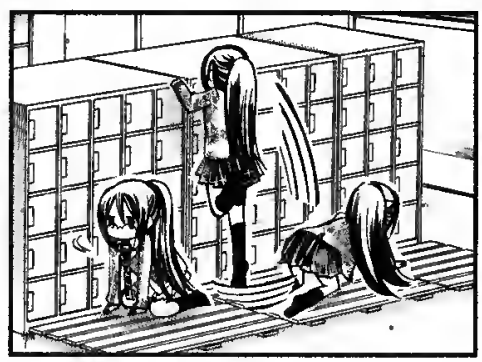
X-Shina!, page 103


That's way too complicated!!
Watashi ni XX Shina-sai!
Silent
Apparently, in the full title, the XX is silent.
In the author's head, at least.

In Japan, the title of this manga is Watashi ni XX Shinasai!, literally "Do [insert here] to/for me!" As Toyama-sensei explains, the XX is silent in the full title, so when said out loud, the title (Watashi ni Shinasai!) can mean "choose me!" The author's favorite abbreviation, X-Shina! is pronounced "batsu-shina!" In this case, the X (batsu) can refer to any of the things that might be inserted into the full title, or, since batsu can mean "penalty," it can refer to Yukina's blackmailing--she got the better of Shigure, so now he has to accept whatever penalty she assigns him.

I can't find my slippers, page 105

In Japan, it is customary to take off your street shoes when entering buildings such as homes, dojos, and other buildings. Schools are included, and so students have their "indoor shoes," called uwabaki, translated here as "slippers." When they get to school, they take off their street shoes and put on their slippers to wear around the building. The pair of footwear not being worn is stored in lockers like the ones in this panel.



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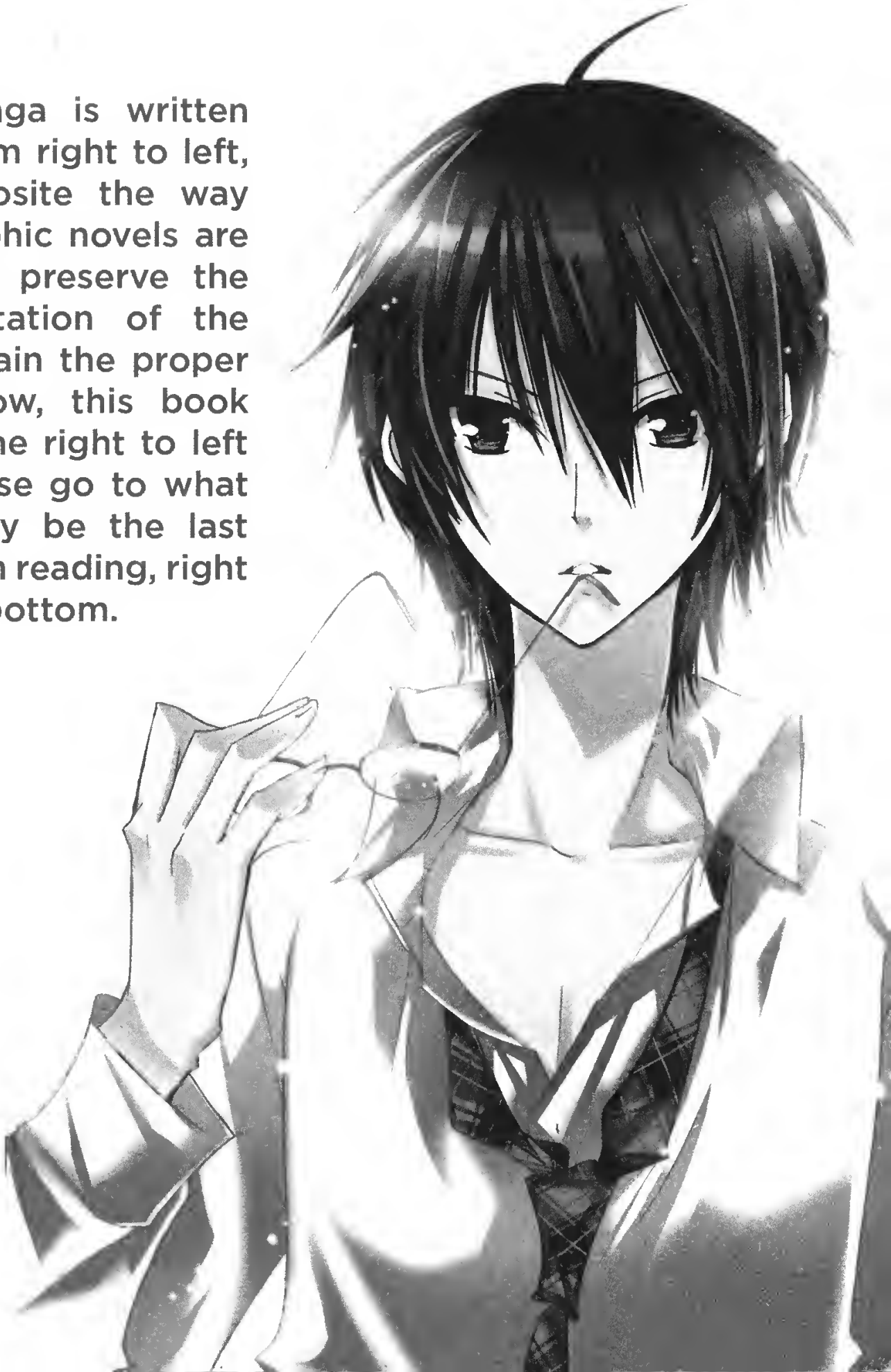

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